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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: JOINT COMMISSION MEETING:
VISIT OF PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISER FRANK PRESS TO USSR

REF: (A) MOSCOW 15458, (B) STATE 167741, (C) STATE 164886

1. ON JULY 3 SCICOUNS PASSED CONTENTS OF REF B TO
AYKAZYAN OF SCST. REF A REPORTED MOST URGENT QUESTIONS
ARISING FROM THIS MEETING. AYKAZYAN RAISED SEVERAL
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING PREPARATIONS FOR THE S&T
JCM, WHICH ARE REPORTED BELOW.

2. NEW AREAS FOR COOPERATION: AYKAZYAN GAVE SCICOUNS
SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION
IN FILLED POLYMERS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, AND HEAT AND
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MASS TRANSFER. (BEING SENT SEPTTEL) SCICOUNS GAVE AYKAZYAN
US PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATION IN EARTH SCIENCE (REF C)
AND NOTED PER PARA 3 OF REF C THAT US WOULD PROBABLY
NOT PRESENT NEW PROPOSAL IN PLANT SCIENCES. AYKAZYAN
EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT RECEIVING ONLY ONE PROPOSAL
FOR POSSIBLE NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION FROM THE US, AND
HE HINTED STRONGLY THAT SOVIETS "EXPECT" TO RECEIVE

ADDITIONAL US PROPOSAL FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN LASER CHEMISTRY, AS WELL AS US COMMENTS ON HEAT AND MASS TRANSFER, WHICH SOVIETS CONSIDER TO BE JOINT PROPOSAL FOR NEW AREA OF COOPERATION.

3. AYKAZYAN ALSO RAISED PROCEDURAL QUESTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF NEW PROPOSALS BY JCM. AYKAZYAN SUGGESTED THAT DR. PRESS AND KIRILLIN SHOULD AGREE ON WHICH PROPOSALS SHOULD BE ADOPTED DURING THEIR PRIVATE MEETING BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE FIRST JCM SESSION. AYKAZYAN ADDED THAT SOVIETS SPECIALISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE JCM TO ANSWER ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT ARISE CONCERNING POSSIBLE NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION. HE ALSO REQUESTED COMMENTS FROM US ON LIKELY SOVIET CONTACTS IN THE NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION PROPOSED BY US. HE NOTED THIS INFORMATION WAS MISSING FROM US PROPOSAL ON EARTH SCIENCES.

4. WORKING GROUP REPORTS. AYKAZYAN GAVE SCICOUNS SOVIET REPORTS ON "WATER RESOURCES" AND "MICROBIOLOGY" WORKING GROUPS, WHICH HE INDICATED WERE THE ONLY REMAINING OUTSTANDING REPORTS FROM THE SOVIET SIDE. (EMBASSY POUCHING SOVIET REPORTS TO OES FOR MORRIS. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SEND SUMMARY OF THE REPORT TELEGRAPHICAL- LY.) AYKAZYAN NOTED THAT US REPORTS ON "CHEMICAL CATALYSIS," "PHYSICS," AND "ELECTROMETALLURGY" ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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STILL OUTSTANDING AND HE INQUIRED WHEN SOVIETS WOULD RECEIVE THEM. HE ALSO INQUIRED AS TO US COMMENTS ON SOVIET DRAFT OF "APPLICATIONS OF COMPUTERS FOR MANAGEMENT". AYKAZYAN INDICATED UNDERSTANDING THAT FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE US JCM DELEGATION WILL READ REPORTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE WORKING GROUPS. (METROLOGY- AMBLER; APPLICATION OF COMPUTERS-AUFENKAMP; AND MICROBIOLOGY-WHITELY) SOVIET WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN WILL DELIVER REMAINING WORKING GROUP REPORTS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY REPORTS: AYKAZYAN INDICATED THAT SOVIET REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT WILL BE READY BY JULY 10 AND HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS HOPE TO RECEIVE US REPORT ON ENERGY AGREEMENT BY THEN. SCICOUNS NOTED THAT ACADEMICIAN IZRAEL' WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT WITH EPA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BARBARA BLUM DURING HER VISIT TO MOSCOW SHORTELY BEFORE THE S&T JCM. THE US, THEREFORE, WILL PROBABLY NOT WANT TO MAKE A FORMAL REPLY TO SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT. SCICOUNS ADDED; HOWEVER, THAT THE US ENERGY AGREEMENT REPORT WOULD

PROBABLY POINT TO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED IN SOME AREAS OF THE ENERGY AGREEMENT. IN REPLY, AYKAZYAN INDICATED THAT DEPUTY MINISTER LOPATIN OR SOME OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF MINENERGO WILL BE PRESENT AT JCM TO MAKE SOVIET REPLY. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY NOT DRAFT FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO US ENERGY PRESENTATION. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT ARISE FROM SOVIET ENVIRONMENT REPORT.

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6. GENERAL OVERVIEW REPORT: AYKAZYAN POINTED OUT THAT SOVIETS GAVE MAIN OVERVIEW REPORT ON THE S&T AGREEMENT AT 1977 JCM AND SOVIETS ACCORDINGLY EXPECT THE US TO GIVE THE OVERVIEW REPORT AT THIS YEAR'S JCM. AYKAZYAN ASKED WHEN SOVIETS WOULD RECEIVE ADVANCE COPY OF US OVERVIEW REPORT.

7. AYKAZYAN SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF RELATIVELY SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE JCM, HE SHOULD MEET WITH SCICOUNS AGAIN BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK. TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY: RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED ABOVE BY COB JULY 6 WOULD BE APPRECIATED. TOON

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